

MINUTES  
**HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Tuesday, February 13, 2024

**TIME:** 9:00 A.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW40

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Crane(13), Vice Chairman Young, Representatives Palmer, Barbieri, Holtzclaw, Scott, Andrus, Skaug, Alfieri, Allgood, Crane(12), Gannon, Nash (Stinson)

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** None

**GUESTS:** The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

**Chairman Crane (13)** called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Stinson** made a motion to approve the minutes of February 9th, 2024.  
**Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 31330:** **Rep. Young** presented **RS 31330** explaining this proposed legislation is about unemployment insurance and if printed would be referred to Commerce and Human Resources. This proposed legislation decreases the number of available weeks of unemployment in Idaho. It also simplifies the formula through which unemployment is calculated and encourages Idahoans to get back to work. New caps on unemployment would include 14 weeks for full time workers, 10 weeks for part time workers, and 16 for seasonal workers. In response to committee questions, Rep. Young clarified 25% of people on unemployment are maxing out their benefits. She also stated her understanding is the number of unemployment weeks per person is not for the calendar year, rather a year from last date of employment. The number of 14 weeks was agreed upon as a reasonable step forward.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Palmer** made a motion to introduce **RS 31330**. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep Stinson** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**.

**RS 31333:** **Rep. Skaug** presented **RS 31333** explaining this proposed legislation is in response to a magistrate judge highlighting there is no minimum for misdemeanor marijuana possession. This creates a minimum \$420 fine.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Alfieri** made a motion to introduce **RS 31333**.

**Rep. Gannon** commented **in opposition** to the motion stating there are instances where a mandatory minimum fine is inappropriate and there is more alcohol abuse in this state than marijuana.

**VOTE ON  
MOTION:** **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 31178:** **Rep. Tanner** presented **RS 31178** explaining this proposed legislation targets discrimination in large-scale financial institutions. He gave the example of the National Committee for Religious Freedom who were asked by JP Morgan Chase for a list of donors to the account as well as say over other additions. This requires banks to look at fiscal responsibility of organizations not social responsibility. In response to committee questions, Rep. Tanner clarified the 100 Million dollar minimum was meant to target the larger entities where this is a problem and not smaller banks. This is something that could be reviewed and lowered in the future.

**MOTION:** Rep. Scott made a motion to introduce **RS 31178. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 31244:** Rep. Blanksma presented **RS 31244** explaining this proposed legislation is a joint memorial to address the Bureau of Land Management's new proposed rule regarding conservation and land health which could lock up multiple use federal lands for conservation. This proposed resolution would ask the BLM to withdraw this rule and support the comments made by Idaho's Governor, Attorney General, and Federal Delegation. In response to committee questions, Rep. Blanksma clarified the recipients of the resolution are listed in page two of the draft legislation.

**MOTION:** Rep. Skaug made a motion to introduce **RS 31244. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 31171:** Rep. Lambert presented **RS 31171** explaining this proposed legislation is an election bill which updates the regulations on canvassing by standardizing reporting changing 'abstract' to 'canvass report'. Additionally this proposed legislation adjusts to county clerks using more digital reporting and gives the state board more time to meet following an election. In response to committee questions, Rep. Lambert clarified abstract is an outdated term which refers only to vote counts, while canvass report is the full report following an election.

**MOTION:** Rep. Scott made a motion to introduce **RS 31171. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 31279:** Rep. Lambert presented **RS 31279** explaining this proposed legislation is a memorial to assert Idaho state sovereignty. The United Nations and World Economic Forum are infringing on Idahoans' rights and freedoms. This proposed resolution firmly reaffirms dedication to principles of sovereignty and requests a comprehensive review of international agreements. In response to committee questions, Rep. Lambert stated resolutions address these non-governmental organizations have been addressed before.

**MOTION:** Rep. Scott made a motion to introduce **RS 31279. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 31180:** Rep. Stinson requested to be recorded as voting **NAY.**

**RS 31180:** Rep. Barbieri presented **RS 31180** explaining one of the most important roles of the legislature is controlling the budget and the agencies. Following the Supreme Court decision that the legislature can review any administrative rule, the next step is to require the courts to review administrative rules as well. This proposed legislation requires the review of rules without consideration of agency interpretation.

**MOTION:** Rep. Crane (12) made a motion to introduce **RS 31180. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 31270:** Rep. Barbieri presented **RS 31270** explaining this proposed legislation addresses rules in three ways. First, temporary rules cannot be established to confer a benefit. Second, material referenced in a rule must be provided to the legislature. Third, every eight years rules must be reviewed and proven necessary. In response to committee questions, Rep. Barbieri clarified while most referenced materials in rules are free, this grants the authority for them to be purchased if needed.

**MOTION:** Rep. Scott made a motion to introduce **RS 31270. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:34 AM.

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Representative Crane (13)  
Chair

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Kennedy Jones  
Secretary